

Footpath and Rights of Way Report for April 2019

General

1. Due to the continuing generally dry weather the footpaths and rights of way are in a reasonable condition.
2. The countryside is beautiful with bluebells in full bloom and butterflies patrolling the footpaths which are wildlife corridors.
3. Signs are starting to becoming overgrown. I am clearing as best I can but it is a losing battle at this time of year.

Major Issues

4. Rickety Bridge (officially known as Bicton Bridge)
 - a. Due to the dry weather the ground is hard. Hopefully DCC are mobilising their contractor?
 - b. Many people are still using the old bridge.
 - c. As far as I am aware there is still no reply from DCC following correspondence from the Parish Council strongly suggesting that it would be safer and more advantageous for the existing bridge to be temporarily reopened..
5. Strategy for replacing finger posts
 - a. The Parish Council Chairman (John Fudge) has ordered the two finger posts in most need of replacement. They are ready for collection.

Minor Issues

6. Coastal Path
 - a. Although I cleared the soil debris under the kissing gate leading to South Farm (footpaths #2 and #10) last month, the post has started to lean further. .
 - b. I have cleaned out the two grips across the coastal footpath.
 - c. Kids have left the bird hide on the east side of the Estuary in a mess with rubbish in the hide and in the vegetation.

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